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LETTER DATED 18 OCTOBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Acting on instructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that United States aircraft have continued to violate Iraqi airspace. The details are as follows:

I

1. On 15/16 October 1991, United States aircraft committed a further violation of Iraqi airspace when 33 aircraft, consisting of 13 formations of two aircraft each, three single aircraft and one formation of four, flew at a speed of between 600 and 750 km per hour and at altitudes ranging from 2,500 to 7,000 metres over the areas of Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Arbil, Amadiyah, Rawandoz and Tall'afar for the purposes of surveillance and provocation.

2. At 1020 hours on the same day, a formation of two F-16s overflew Mosul dam and fired six flares; and at 1050 hours a formation of four aircraft flew low over Firnas airport at a speed of 500 km per hour.

3. At 1425, 1730 and 1648 hours on the same day, several formations flew low at high speed over Faruq airport.

II

1. On 16/17 October 1991, United States aircraft committed a further violation of Iraqi airspace for the purposes of surveillance and provocation when 24 aircraft, consisting of 12 formations of two aircraft each, flew at a speed of 750 km per hour and at altitudes ranging from 1,500 to 5,500 metres, over the areas of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho and Rawandoz.

2. At 1120 hours on the same day, two F-16s overflew Firnas airport at a speed of 750 km per hour and at an altitude of 50 metres.

3. At 1225 hours on the same day, an F-111 overflew Faruq airport at a speed of 500 km per hour and at an altitude of 1,000 metres; and at 1530 hours, two F-16s overflew the same airport at a speed of 500 km per hour and at an altitude of 1,000 metres.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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